

SENATE BILL NO. 39.

(Items Vetoed in the General Appropriation Bill.)

Executive Office, State of Texas,
Austin, May 2, 1907.

To the Secretary of State:

I herewith beg to transmit for file in your office, Free Conference Committee Substitute for Senate bill No. 39, entitled "An Act to make appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1907, and ending August 31, 1909, and for other purposes, and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereto, and declaring an emergency," duly signed and approved, save and except the items of appropriation enumerated in this statement, to which I object for the reason hereafter indicated.

1. The item of \$40,000 to erect, complete and equip a new laboratory for the Medical Department of the State University, is disapproved on account of that provision in Section 14, Article 7 of the State Constitution, which is as follows:

"No tax shall be levied and no money appropriated out of the general revenue * * * for the establishment and erection of the buildings of the University of Texas." Buildings for the University and its departments can be provided for from the available University fund, but general revenue can not be used for that purpose, as is proposed by this item.

2. The item for printing and binding the Appellate Court reports of \$15,000, to be expended in two years, is objected to, because this item is covered by Senate bill No. 214, heretofore approved, which carries an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of printing and binding the Supreme Court reports, the reports of the Court of Criminal Appeals and Appellate Court reports.

The efficiency of the public service and the absolute necessities of the State government and especially our State institutions call for my approval of this bill with the exception of the items above mentioned. A careful consideration of the bill discloses the fact that every economy consistent with good government was observed by the Legislature in the passage of same.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor.